



*GFWC-Mississippi Federation
of Women's Clubs, Inc.*



Dear GFWC-MFWC Members,

The 2016 Summer Board Meeting and Summer Institute will be held Saturday, July 23, 2016, at the Wise Center on the campus of Mississippi State University in Starkville.

*In addition to conducting Federation business and receiving information regarding plans for the **2016-2018 MFWC and GFWC administrations**, all attendees will be given the opportunity to tour the facilities of the T. K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability (also located on campus) where the focus of the President's Special Project (PSP) the Express Yourself! Art program is located.*

There are tentative plans to have representatives from the Express Yourself! Art program and possibly our GFWC Partner – St. Jude – to speak.

There will be presentations from MFWC Officers and Chairmen with pertinent updates from GFWC regarding the Community Service Programs and Advancement Areas. At the time of this writing, GFWC is not anticipating any MAJOR changes in these areas. If anything, there may Partnership additions. We will learn more when we attend the GFWC Convention in Baltimore, MD this coming week.

There will be many opportunities to shop for our Ways and Means merchandise, so come prepared! In addition, there will be 'Opportunities to Own' an original piece of art created by one of the artists – Candace Stephenson – of the Express Yourself! Art program, which will be given away immediately following lunch that day.

*The **pre-ordered, printed** 2016-2018 MFWC Handbooks will be available for pickup. (Please see the attached form if you wish to receive a copy.) Otherwise, the Handbook will be available from the website.*

We will end the day with a tour of the Martha Lipsey Gallery, which features MANY of the paintings of the Express Yourself! artists, as well as the actual studio where the artists work, through the assistance of their trackers, to produce their one of a kind pieces.

I am honored to be serving as your President for the 2016-2018 Administration. Also, I am so thankful for what each of you are doing to make your communities better places through your Federation work. Always remember....it is the little things that create differences that in the big things of life, we are at one.

I look forward to seeing each of you on July 23rd!

Living the Volunteer Spirit through Federation Service,

Tinker

*Tinker Forrester
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Registration Form
GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.
2016 Summer Board/Institute
240 Wise Center Drive
Starkville, MS 39735
Saturday, July 23, 2016

Name: _____ **Birthdate (Month/Day):** _____

Full Club Name: _____ **District:** _____

Club Office (if any – otherwise 'Member'): _____

MFWC Office (State and/or District):

Full Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Telephone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Please make check payable to GFWC-MFWC. Indicate Summer Board/Institute on memo line. NO CASH, please. If your club is making the payment, one check may be written. However, each registrant will need to have a completed form.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:
JULY 14, 2016

Mail Completed Form(s) along with payment to:
Nancy Griffin
MFWC Meetings Coordinator
60 Bayou Lane
Picayune, MS 39466

Onsite Check-in will begin at 8:00 am
in the Foyer of the Wise Center.

General Information:

***A Tentative Agenda** will be distributed soon to all people receiving this email.

*If you have access to MapQuest on the internet or Maps on your smart phone, you can type in: **240 Wise Center Drive, Starkville, MS** and it will take you to the location of the meeting. **There will be additional ‘markers’ indicating the exact location once you get to the facility.**

***As most of you realize**, Starkville is a ‘college town’. There are many hotels, restaurants & neat shopping venues near the meeting location. I would encourage you to come early and stay late and discover one of the many jewels of our great state!

***A partial listing of hotels:**

+**Hampton Inn**, 700 MS-12 (*2 minutes to meeting location*) 662.324.1333

Comfort Suites, 801 Russell St. (*4 minutes to meeting location*) 662.324.9595

++**Hilton Garden Inn**, 975 Hwy 12 East (*8 minutes to meeting location*)

662.615.9664

++**La Quinta Inn & Suites**, 982 Hwy 12 East (*7 minutes to meeting location*)

662.270.4100

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 110 MS-12 (*5 minutes to meeting location*)

662.324.0076

+*Closest to the meeting location*

++*Just off of the Highway 82/25 bypass.*

***Highways 12, 25, 45 & 82 will all get you to within easy navigation of Starkville.**

2016-2018 MFWC (printed) Handbook Request Form

COST: \$15

*Please make check payable to GFWC-MFWC.
Indicate MFWC Handbook on memo line. NO CASH, please.*

**DEADLINE for Ordering:
July 14, 2016**

NAME of Person ordering:_____

Number of Copies:_____

CLUB:_____ **District:**_____

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_____ will be in attendance at the
**Summer Board/Institute to pick up the above ordered
copy(ies) of the 2016-2018 MFWC Handbook.**